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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/808,124; Filed: March 15, 2001  
For: **High Fidelity Reverse Transcriptases and Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: Potter *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.5030001/RWE/MTT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. 34 pages of Form PTO-1449 citing 107 documents;
3. A copy of each of the 107 cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

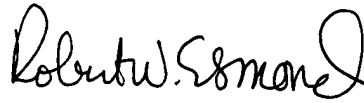
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Respectfully submitted,

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending patent applications:

U.S. Application No. 60/189,454, filed March 15, 2000;

U.S. Application No. 09/677,574, filed October 3, 2000;

U.S. Application No. 09/845,157, filed May 1, 2001; and

U.S. Application filed July 12, 2001, Application No. to be assigned,

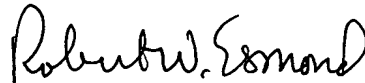
which are directed to related subject matter. Pursuant to C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), legible copies of these applications are provided herein. The identification of these patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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